

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) A system that manages disparate multimedia files, comprising:

a computer-readable storage medium that retains a multimedia file system that stores disparate multimedia files based at least in part on selected schemas, the schemas can include at least one of a generic schema, an audio schema or a video schema; and
at least one processor that executes:

a management component that manages and facilitates storage of the disparate multimedia files retained in the multimedia file system,

the management component selects a schema for a given file based at least in part on characteristics of the file,

the management component enables uniform access to the disparate multimedia files *via* the selected schemas in accordance with the selected schemas

the management component associating metadata with the file, the metadata comprising information establishing relationships with the file,

the management component including within the metadata a confidence level indicating a degree of confidence that the metadata is actually associated with the file;
and

an application program interface generation component that produces at least one application program interface based at least in part on the selected schemas, the application program interface enables one or more applications to interact with the disparate multimedia files in accordance with the schemas selected to store the files.

52. (Previously presented) The system of claim 51, the management component establishes links between the disparate multimedia files through connections indicated in the schemas.

53. (Previously presented) The system of claim 52, the links can include a link between a multimedia file and a contact item, the contact item is associated with a person and can include at least one of a mailing address, a phone number, an e-mail address, e-mails to and from the associated person, or references to additional information regarding the associated person.

54. (Previously presented) The system of claim 53, the link between the multimedia file and the contact item can include a role that defines a connection between the person associated with the contact item and the multimedia file.

55. (Previously presented) The system of claim 51, the at least one application program interface provides a framework for an application developer to arbitrarily generate an application that works uniformly across and within the disparate multimedia files.

56. (Previously presented) The system of claim 51, the selected schemas provide seamless identification, differentiation and access to the disparate files stored within the multimedia file system.

57. (Currently Amended) A method that facilitates management of disparate multimedia files within a computer-readable medium, comprising:

obtaining a multimedia file to retain in the computer-readable medium;

selecting a schema from a plurality of schema to employ in retaining the multimedia file, the schema can include at least one of a common schema or a schema particular to a file type;

retaining the multimedia file in the computer-readable medium based at least in part on the selected schema;

associating metadata with the multimedia file, the metadata comprising information establishing relationships with the multimedia file;

including within the metadata a confidence level indicating a degree of confidence that the metadata is actually associated with the multimedia file;

generating an application program interface based at least in part on the selected schema, the application program interface enables uniform access to the multimedia file; and

managing the retained multimedia file based at least in part on requests received via the application program interface and the selected schema.

58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, the schema particular to the file type can be at least one of an audio schema or a video schema.

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, the computer-readable medium is a data store.

60. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, the computer-readable medium is a file system.

61. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, further comprising establishing at least one link between the retained multimedia file and one or more other files.

62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 61, establishing the at least one link comprises including references in a schema associated with the retained multimedia file to the one or more files.